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Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to consider the appointment of a committee for deciding the question of nativity in view of the fact that the present rules have been found very unsatisfactory? "

The Hon. Mrs. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" New rules have been framed for the purpose of issuing nativity certificates and therefore it may be suitable to have a committee for that purpose."

Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to consider that the form of the certificate as enunciated at present gives scope for the children of Government servants to obtain nativity certificates to the detriment of the people of the soil? "

The Hon. Mrs. LAKSHMIPATHI :—" I request the Member to put a separate question on the subject."

The Hon. Sri V. V. GIRI :—" Mr. President, I may be permitted to answer questions 67 and 68 to-morrow."

Location of the Government Stationery Stores.

* 69 Q.—Sri P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) where the Government Stationery Stores is now located and how long it has been there;

(b) whether the buildings of the Stores in the First Line Beach have been delivered back to the Government by the military who were occupying it and if so, when it was delivered back and why the Stores has not been removed there immediately;

(c) what the rent of the present premises is and what is the expenditure additionally incurred since 1942 on carting expenditure of goods daily from Madras to Guindy and back again to Madras; and

(d) when it is proposed to remove the stores to its own buildings?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—

" (a) The Government Stationery Stores is now located at Guindy. It has been there since 22nd June 1942.

" (b) Yes, in June 1946. The godowns attached to the buildings of the Stationery Stores are now in the occupation of the Civil Supplies Department for storing food grains. Without the godowns, the Stationery Stores cannot be moved back to the First Line Beach.

" (c) The rent of the present premises at Guindy is Rs. 810 per mensem. The expenditure incurred since 1942 on the carting of goods daily from Madras to Guindy and back again to Madras is as follows :—

	RS.
1942–43	**27,013**
1943–44	**26,152**
1944–45	**31,973**
1945–46	**30,157**
1946–47 (up to date)	**6,993**

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" (*d*) When the godowns are relinquished by the Food Department."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know, Sir, whether in view of the fact that there is much wastage due to carting of the materials from one place to another, Government would consider the desirability of removing the stores to the City of Madras."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :— " The Government have considered and are considering the question; but the difficulty is that they are not able to get back the godowns themselves."

Alleged damage caused to the Stationery in the Government Stationery Stores.

* 70 *Q.*—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any stationery were damaged in the Government Stationery Stores in the present premises at Guindy by white-ants and rains, and if so, what the articles and the approximate loss are; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken in connection with the damage and loss?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :— " (*a*) & (*b*) The following articles were damaged by white ants and rains :—

Description of articles.	Quantity.		Value. RS.	A.	P.
By white ants—					
(i) Semi-bleached DF 18½ lbs. paper (Sirpur).	**Reams**	2—0	15	12	0
(ii) White cartridge royal 60 lbs. (Sirpur).	,,	0—2[illegible]4	15	9	0
(iii) Exercise Note-Books of 64 pages.	Nos.	325	45	11	3
By rains—					
(iv) Blotting paper	**Sheets**	250			
Stencil paper	,,	119	29	0	0

" The cost of the articles was written off by the Superintendent of Stationery.

" Items (i) and (iii) were used in the packing section for packing purposes.

" Item (ii) was sent to the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, for being cut into Ration cards size and used to the best advantage possible.

" Item (iv) These papers though drenched were dried in the sun and made fit for use."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that all this wastage was brought to the notice of Government by the workers' union concerned? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :— "I am obliged to the union."